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### **Companies, Individual Receive State's Workplace Safety Awards**

**March 2, 2011 (INDIANAPOLIS)** — The 2011 Governor's Workplace Safety Awards for advancing occupational safety and health were awarded today at a luncheon ceremony at the 2011 Indiana Safety and Health Conference & Expo in Indianapolis, presented by the Central Indiana Chapter of American Society of Safety Engineers and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Indiana Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres, on behalf of Gov. Mitch Daniels, presented the honors to eight Hoosier companies and one individual.

The 2011 Governor's Workplace Safety Awards are a result of a partnership among government, business and safety leaders: the Indiana Department of Labor, on behalf of the Governor, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

"This award recognizes companies and individuals that focus on best practices for eliminating job-related accidents and illnesses," shares Torres. "It also salutes those organizations for which safety is the number one workplace priority, because nothing is more important in a workday than someone returning home safe and sound to their families."

Companies and individuals were recognized in the following categories: overall safety in construction; education and outreach in construction; education and outreach – external, in general industry; education and outreach – internal, in general construction; and innovations in general industry. The 2011 Governor's Workplace Safety Award recipients are:

- Gribbins Insulation Co., Inc. in Evansville – overall safety in construction
- William D. Mott of Hunt Construction Group in Indianapolis – education and outreach in construction
- Monsanto Company in Windfall – external education and outreach in general industry
- USALCO Michigan City Plant, LLC – internal education and outreach in general industry by a small company (under 100 employees)
- Peerless Pump Company in Indianapolis – internal education and outreach in general industry by a medium company (101 to 499 employees)
- Raytheon Technical Services Company Customized Engineering and Depot Support Indianapolis – internal education and outreach in general industry by a large company (more than 500 employees)
- Univertical Corporation in Angola – innovations in general industry by a small company
- Acument Global Technologies, Camcar LLC, Rochester Operations – innovations in general industry by a medium company
- Union Hospital, Inc., in Terre Haute – innovations in general industry by a large company

Each of the 2011 award recipients demonstrated a strong commitment to workplace safety and health through innovation, education and work practices, says Indiana Chamber President Kevin Brinegar.

“A healthier workplace means more productive workers and a more profitable workplace. By providing an environment of workplace safety, these award winners are protecting the company’s most important asset – its workers.”

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**The Indiana Chamber of Commerce is the state's largest broad-based business advocacy and information organization, representing nearly 5,000 member companies that employ 800,000 Hoosier workers.**